

SERVICES AND LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT JACKSONVILLE

FLORENCE N. DAVIS CENTER

DOWNTOWN
Housing for Homeless Families
Child Development Center
Summer Camp
Adult Education & Life Skills
Early Childhood Literacy



NORTHEAST FLORIDA

HOUSING PROGRAM
WESTSIDE & CLAY COUNTY
Housing for Homeless Families

NIA TERRACE

WESTSIDE
Housing for Homeless Families
Community Partnership Programs
After School & Summer Camp Programs

COURTNEY MANOR

WESTSIDE
Community Partnership Programs
After School & Summer Camp Programs

KENDALL COURT

NORTHSIDE
Community Partnership Programs
After School & Summer Camp Programs

LEIGH MEADOWS

SOUTHSIDE
Community Partnership Programs
After School & Summer Camp Programs

LINDSEY TERRACE

WESTSIDE
Community Partnership Programs
After School & Summer Camp Programs

MAGNOLIA POINT

SOUTHSIDE
After School & Summer Camp Programs

SABLE PALMS

SOUTHSIDE
Community Partnership Programs
After School & Summer Camp Programs
Workforce Development Programs

A. L. LEWIS CENTER

NORTHSIDE
Families Learning Together
After School & Summer Camp Programs

HEALTHY FAMILIES JACKSONVILLE

NORTHSIDE
Home Visiting for New Parents
Parents As Teachers



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A Commitment TO JACKSONVILLE FAMILIES



HELPING PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

At Community Connections, we help people in need become independent, contributing members of our community. By connecting women, children and families with the services and resources necessary to help overcome challenges and unfortunate circumstances, we restore opportunity and most importantly, hope, to those who need it most.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Community Connections has been providing safe housing alternatives to women, children and families since it was founded in 1911. Serving homeless or shelter residents trying to break out of the cycle of poverty or abuse, Community Connections' homeless housing programs provide housing, childcare and essential support services to individuals and families for up to 24 months. On-site case managers and counselors work closely with residents to help them improve financial and emotional self-sufficiency. Job training and counseling services teach new skills so they can secure jobs and, ultimately, access permanent housing.

Supported, in part, by U.S. HUD, the Community Connections housing program serves approximately 300 families each year at three locations:

- The Florence N. Davis Center for Women and Children—Downtown
- Nia Terrace—Westside
- The Northeast Florida Housing Program—Westside and Clay County



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

We understand that parents struggling to improve themselves will be successful only when they have peace of mind knowing their children are getting quality, stimulating care in a safe environment.

- **Florence N. Davis Child Development Center**—A state-of-the-art program serving children six weeks to 12 years of age. Age-appropriate activities encourage positive and healthy development. Participants in the program include homeless and low-income children.
- **After School Programs**—Community Connections provides after-school programs at nine sites in Jacksonville. Offering children the opportunity to improve educational and social development, supervised homework assistance, tutorial services and computer instruction, kids can also participate in enrichment programs including Boy/Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, and the Jaguars' Honor Rows. A wide variety of arts & crafts, recreational activities and seasonal sports is offered at each location.
- **Summer Camp**—Each year, approximately 1100 children enjoy Community Connections' camp programs at nine locations. Camp includes athletic, recreational and enrichment activities.

HELPING PARENTS TO DO THEIR BEST

For many reasons, parents often need help, training and support in order to be good parents to their children. Community Connections has several programs for parents:

- **Healthy Families Jacksonville** is a free, voluntary family support effort that assists families at risk for child abuse or neglect. Working with families in their own homes, Healthy Families will also accept any family with a newborn living in one of Duval County's targeted zip code areas.
- The **Parents As Teachers** program is a city-wide effort that helps parents become their child's first teacher.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Working with the developers and property managers of six affordable housing communities, Community Connections has established programs to strengthen adults and children in these residential settings.

In addition to the after-school programs described above, Community Connections' partnership programs include:

- Adult literacy
- ABE/GED instruction
- Job preparation programs

SPECIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS

Community Connections is committed to breaking the cycle of family illiteracy by improving parents' educational and parenting skills.

- **Families Learning Together** is an intergenerational ABE and GED program offered at the A.L. Lewis Center on the northside. The program targets adult high school drop-outs who want to complete their high school education and allows children to be educated on-site while their parents receive instruction.
- The **Ready to Work** program is provided at Sable Palms Apartments, located in one of the Mayor's Intensive Care Neighborhoods. This program offers intensive care management and emphasizes positive parenting, education and employability skills.

A COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT

For close to a century, Community Connections has provided services and resources to the women, children and families of Jacksonville who had nowhere else to turn. As one of the oldest public service agencies in the area, we have evolved as times have changed in order to stay relevant to the needs of the people of Jacksonville and to help improve their circumstances so they become useful, contributing members of our community. It is our commitment to never do less.